



MACARTHUR MAZE/580 DECK COLLAPSE

May 4, 2007

General

- Congressional delegation visits the site. U.S. Secretary Mary Peters joined U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and U.S. Representatives Barbara Lee, Ellen Tauscher and James Oberstar.
- Secretary Peters presented \$2 million in emergency relief efforts, the first installment toward getting the bridge up and running as soon as possible.

Progress

- 880 connector repairs continue.
- Shoring of freeway bridge in preparation of jacking operations continue.

Contract

- Contract for 580 repairs is on the fast-track with bid opening and award scheduled for next Monday, May 7.
- Informal bid process will be used.
- Use of small businesses will be encouraged.
- Contract requires 580 connector be open to traffic in 50 calendar days.
- Contract provides incentive of \$200,000 for every day that contractor finishes before that date, with a disincentive applied for every day that the project is late. The incentive is capped at \$5 million.

Cost & Impact

- A director's order authorizing up to \$20 million for the project has been approved, but Caltrans anticipates that the cost will be below that figure.
- 880 connector will remain open during the daytime. There will be closures overnight in order to do overhead work, such as installing bent caps, placing girders and pouring concrete.
- Public will be notified in advance of when these closures occur.

Design

- Bridge design will remain the same.
- Caltrans design engineers have put in many hours to prepare a bid package.
- Custom-made steel girders and beams will be used. Suppliers have assured Caltrans that steel is available.